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EDITOR'S

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BRANCH TEACHING

A PEARL! Who doesn't enjoy grazing at a lovely pearl. After looking at a perfect pearl the beauty of it seems to enchant the other things we see around us and make them brighter. But, to think that the pearl we see was once an injury seems incredible! Yet it is true. Sometime during an oyster's life a bit of dirt or grit entered and irritated the soft flesh of the oyster; to protect itself the little oyster builds a protective coating around the foreign substance. And so layer after layer is applied year after year until the thing we know as a pearl is formed.

This sequence of events is much like the lives of men in many respects. Some of us may be damaged, or some alien matter may have entered us at one time or another. So to protect ourselves we often build up a wall of resentment around ourselves. Like the pearl this wall grows thicker with each passing year, adding callous to callous. If allowed to become cancerious it will eventually become so big that it will make us and everyone we meet miserable.

But, if the gospel is allowed to enter the heart a transformation begins to soften and heal the callous begins to wear off and the bitterness once felt is replaced with love. That is the gospel plan.

There are pearls all round us, we meet them everyday. Usually we don't see them because we see only the hardened part. We don't look down into the inner man and see the beauty that lies below the rough exterior. When the Branch Teachers go out on their rounds they are in the oyster beds of the world! But sometimes they are turned away from doors and people treat them harshly. Well, the gospel we carry is one of love and understanding. So there is no better time to show your love. Ask these members what the problem is and ask to have a family prayer to help settle the difficulty. The same people who have turned you away so many times before will probably invite you in and you will be on the way to gaining and understanding and making a loving friend. You will both share a sweet spirit of understanding and love..

You have helped to overcome a problem and in so doing polished a pearl. The Lord will bless you both and you will be richer for it. That is the spirit of the gospel. Why not look for a pearl to polish next time you make your calls. You'll be glad you did!

FTT.

THE CHURCH NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

WHEN the goals for mission baptisms was set back in January of this year it was felt that we should try for more than we ever had before. A goal of 200 was set. Well, that was before the "New Era" really got going. Now that the "New Era" is in full swing the goal of 200 we set at the first of the year has already been surpassed. So President Alldredge replaced the 200 convert baptisms with a goal of 400.

We are now reaching the 300 mark and before the end of the year there is going to be far more than the 400 asked for by President Alldredge. The Lord is blessing us in this land and His spirit has been poured out upon the people. Zion in South Africa is on the march!

President J. Ruben Clark noted another birthday on September 1, this year. President Clark is now 89 years old and still does a full days work at his office, and his keen mind is ever alert and active. During his life time which has seen the pioneer era and the present time! President Clark has been an advisor to several Presidents of the United States, an Ambassador to Mexico, and a successful lawyer. As a General Authority of the Church he has served for a total of 27 years, and is the oldest General Authority living today. Congratulations President Clark!

The Church has agreed to opperate 2 hospitals in Idaho, it is reported and these will be used by the people of the respective cities where they are located. The hospitals will be selfsustaining it is planned and should provide the necessary medical assistance to the cities they will be serving. They will be located in Burley and Rupert, Idaho.

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CHURCH NEWS AROUND THE WORLD

THIS past month has been one of great growth throughout the Church. Everywhere the missions of the Church have been resetting their goals of convert baptisms, and new stakes and branches are being formed.

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For example the West German Mission held conference in which the goals for the whole mission were expanded. The new mark is now going to be 750 new converts; before the end of this year. This will be a 700% increase over the old goal set at the beginning of the year.

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One of the stake missions in Portland, Oregon is also striving for a 200% increase in convert baptisms. The referral program is being used extensively and tremendous success is reported by the missionaries.

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Also a new mission is going to be formed in the Eastern States. The new mission will be known as the Eastern Atlantic States Mission and will be presided over by President George R. Hill. This new addition to the Church missions will bring the world wide total to 54. The division will take place shortly after the General Conference this month.

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Church membership now stands at 1,600,000 all over the world it has been reported recently most of these members have come into the Church in the past few years. The growth of the Church is the greatest ever known in the history of the Church. And even greater growth is expected in the near future. The increase in Church membership is the result of greater effort on the part of the missionaries, and in the greater number of missionaries that are being sent out by the Church.

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There are now 303 stakes in the Church, with the forming of the Riverton Stake, in west Jordan, Utah. The new stake will be headed by President Glen C. Shaw. The stake was created under the direction of Elder Delbert L. Stapley, assisted by Antoine R. Ivins of the First Council of the Seventy.

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President David O. McKay dedicated on Sunday, September 25th; the new East Bay Interstake Center at Oakland, California. (Across the bay from San Francisco) The $2,000,000 structure is one of the largest such centers ever built by the Church. President Mckay said: The edifice is a tribute to the faithfulness of the Saints who built it, and shows great love for their Father in Heaven. It is a credit to the state of California and will be a great missionary.

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The Book of Mormon is nearing the 4,000,000 mark, reports the Deseret Press. In the 130 years the Book of Mormon has been published, it has been translated into 23 different languages, and is being translated now into Afrikaans and Chinese. There are many other translations waiting to be published; one will be in Hebrew and another in Hindustaniee. Over 500,000 copies roll from the presses each year and are sent to the English speaking countries of the world. The Book of Mormon has become the 2nd largest selling book in the world. And there is no decrease in demand at this time. In fact the quota for this year has increased sharply over last year. All totaled last year 499,562 were printed.

WHAT PRAYER CAN DO

When my life was cold, through hardness of my heart,
I tried to pray, but knew not how to start,
What right has the guilt heart to plead,
For someone good to set it free?
But God is merciful, and oh, so very kind,
He doth see his children, sick and blind,
He knows the thought of every troubled heart,
And in His love, provides the way to start,
Oh! Blessed! Blessed! Was the day,
When two young men crossed my way,
To bring the gospel new, and oh, so very true,
And taught me what prayer could do,
They told about a youth named Joseph, strictly honest,
Who once in humble prayer, knelt down, amidst the forest,
And through sincere and humble prayer,
Met God the Father and His Son, above him in the air,
Now my life has changed from darkness into light,
Through the Holy Spirit, like a fire warm and bright,
The chain that held my soul, has broken now in two,
And now I can testify to all the world, what prayer can do.

SISTER CATHRINE E. STEYN

AN UNREPENTANT WORLD

WHEN the time comes that men cease to repent, or repent falsely, the end of the world, as we know it will be at hand. When men finally and inretrievably reject the mercies of God, they will begin to harvest the results of their sins. The prophet says: **"Woe unto the wicked, it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him." (Isaiah 3:11.)**

We know the Gospel promises forgiveness of sin, the power of God in our lives here and now, and a home of everlasting life in the presence of Christ, Himself. But what about those who reject His offer? The time will certainly come when the Gospel Message will have finished its work in the world. We distinctly read in Revelation 10:7 that such is to be the case: **"The mystery of God should be finished."** The mystery of God is the Gospel.

But when it is finished, what then? In Isaiah 55:6-7 we read the call of God: **"Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near, let the wicked forsake his ways, and the unrighteous man his thoughts."** The implication is that the time will come when God will not be near, when He may not be found, that the time will come that there will be no more probation for the sinner. This is stated in Revelation 22:10-12. Men are no longer repenting, therefore they are no longer forgiven. The mediation of Jesus for them has ceased.

Once before the human race passed its probation, and destruction came upon them. We read of it in the seventh Chapter of Genesis. It is the experience of Noah and his family at the time of the flood. After he and his family had entered the ark, what happened to the door through which they entered? The scriptures say: **"The Lord shut him in" (Genesis 7:16)** Noah did not close the door, his sons did not close it, and it was not shut by the wind. God closed it. God and God alone knows when the last man in the outer circle hears the call of grace. He, and He alone knows when a human soul repudiates forever the offer of salvation. That is why God and not man closed the door of the ark. But when He closed it, the probation of the antediluvian world was ended. And Jesus says: **"As the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of Man be." (Matthew 24:37)** Just as certainly as the ark was a place of safety, and the only place of safety for those people in the time of Noah, so God has provided an ark of safety for His children in the last days of this earth's history—a place of refuge in the day of His wrath God closed the ark when all those who willingly and of their own volition had entered. There were plenty of signs of the coming flood; first, the preaching of Noah for over one hundred years, then the building of the ark, and at last the animals going in two by two. Then God closed the door. Those who were within were safe from the floods which destroyed the earth. The door of the ark was closed seven days before the rain came, and no doubt many laughed at the foolishness of Noah and said that he had locked himself in there, but God, Himself, had closed the door of the ark. **So that no one could blame Noah.**

If you are out of God's ark of safety, don't blame the Lord, blame yourself. The door is open now, but it will not always be. It may be closed by your death; it may be closed by the probation of the whole world coming to an end. God will close salvation's door when He sees that men will no longer enter, because they lack love for him, and no longer care about their actions. The signs of the times are all around us, and are being brought to a speedy close. "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found." Don't delay or procrastinate your repentance.

The door of the gospel is standing open even now, because of the thousands of missionaries that our Father in Heaven sends out to preach to the world. Each of the almost 12,000 missionaries are called to the work by a living prophet of God, President David O. McKay; and they go forth to the world to declare to our Father in Heaven's children repentance and a remission of their sins. The Lost Sheep of the House of Israel will hear their message and take it into their hearts, thus gaining entrance into the "open door" Jesus offers us. Our missionaries are fulfilling the divine decree of the Saviour when He said: **"Go ye therefore and teach all nations, for Jesus is with you, even unto the end of the world."** (**Matthew 28:19-20.**) The Lord has not yet closed the door; but the time is not far distant. Prepare yourself now, and be ready when the bridegroom comes. For who will be able to stand when He appears? Only the righteous, those with a contrite spirit and a broken heart. Are you ready? Or will you be locked out when the door is closed. Let's examine our lives, my brothers and sisters, so that we will be counted worthy to stand when he appears.

Sister A. E. Olivier

"A WIDOWS MITE..."

I HAD a little mother down in New Zealand. I knew her on my first mission . . . and at that time she called me son. When I went back to preside over that mission she called me her father. This dear sister didn't live in an organized branch of the church, and she had no contact with the priesthood except when the missionaries were able to visit her. She was eighty years old and blind but she never wavered in her faith.

I went to see my dear old "mother" shortly after I returned to New Zealand, and as I went in I greeted her in the Maori fashion. I stretched forth my hand for her to shake it; and I was going to rub noses with her, when she said: "Do not shake hands with me father . . ."

Then she got down on her hands and knees right there and crawled over to a measured spot and started digging down into the soil with a spade. The spade finally struck something hard; that turned out to be a fruit jar. She reached down into it and took out something and handed it to me. I looked at it and found it to be New Zealand money, about 100.00 dollars worth.

She said: "There is my tithing. Now I can shake hands with the Priesthood of God." I told her that she didn't owe that much tithing; but she answered and said, "I know, but I'm paying a little in advance, for I do not know when the priesthood will get around this way again."

I then leaned over and pressed my nose and forehead against hers, and the tears from my eyes ran down her cheeks. As I left her I asked God to bring down a curse on me, if from that day hence forth and forever I ever failed to pay tithing on everything that should ever come into my hands. And I have done it.

ELDER MATTHEW COWLEY, late member of the Council of the Twelve Apostles.

The Church at work amid the horrors of the Congo uprising.

"Forgive Them Father, For They Know Not What They Do..."

JULY 17th 1960 was no different than any other to most of the people of Luanshya until suddenly we found ourselves in the middle of a national emergency. All around us thousands of people were pouring across the borders of the newly independent Belgian Congo seeking the protection of the Rhodesian government. The tear-stained faces of the people, told the mute story of the tragedy they had left behind. Chaos was rampant in the Congo as the Congolese troops mutinied and began a wholesale slaughter of the white people living in the country. Looting and burning of stores, houses and buildings were everywhere in evidence. The women and children of the white citizens of all ages were being raped and beaten. In desperation the people were fleeing across the Rhodesian borders in multitudes.

The Church went into action with practically no time lost. The Branch President asked for every member of the Church to take in as many people as they could manage and to help where ever possible. The missionaries worked valiantly through all this turmoil at the Reception Depot in Kitwe. Since people were pouring in so fast it was impossible to do more than just help to find them places to stay, and provide something to eat. It is at moments like this that we realize we are all really brothers and sisters after all. There is no real reason why we shouldn't get along together even when we come from such scattered back grounds. Working together side by side were people of all religions and stations in life, all trying to help someone who was more unfortunate than themselves.

All of the thousands of people had a stark look of tragedy written on their faces, which contrasted with the expensive cars and clothing that they wore. They weren't poverty stricken people such as were seen in the newsreels of the last war. But people just like ourselves that had had the whole world as they knew it knocked from under them in a few

hours. The cars had windscreens and windows broken out by the natives who stoned them. Bullet holes and blood stained door panels were not uncommon. Heaps of belongings were strewn about where they had been thrown by the owners in a mad rush to escape.

It wasn't until we met the people who were going to stay in our homes that we become aware of the horrible things that had happened to these people. We found talking to them very difficult because even though we all speak English and Afrikaans no one could speak French. But some of the people could speak Flemish and since that was very similar to Afrikaans we managed to get along a little better. Every Latter-day Saint home took in a family and all over the Copperbelt people responded to the call of need that these homeless people made. Their sorrows became ours.

We listened in horrified silence by the hours to the tales that were recounted, by the people staying with us. They have seen a child of two shot as he sat on his Mother's lap, another family had shot their way out of their home, which had been set on fire by the natives, the mother and part of the family had left by one door, while the Father and the rest of the family had left by another. When they were re-united in Rhodesia they found that a 6 month old baby had been left in the flaming house. Each parent thought that the other had the child.

Still another family rushing for the border in their car was stopped by rebels, armed with rifles. While the parents were held at gun point their teenage daughter was dragged from the car and the stricken parents were ordered to drive on with the rest of their family. A fifteen year old boy sat in the depot with hollow eyes staring into space . . . His father and mother had driven their car to the border, shooting and reloading as they went; until a bullet shattered the windscreen and blinded the mother. From then on he had to shoot while his mother loaded the rifles.

When they arrived in Rhodesia most of the people were well dressed but their only possessions were the clothes they wore. Still they wanted to share their scanty belonging with us when they left. We took these people into our hearts and loved them for the time they were with us. What they had to endure is unimaginable, yet they still carried on with courage and with their eyes to the future.

During their stay with us the Belgians were very impressed with our practice of family prayer, and they marvelled that children of five and six took their turns at the table saying grace. One dear old lady remarked that the world would be a lot less troubled if everyone prayed as much as the Latter-day Saints. This same lady had received citations from the United States, Britain and France for helping paratroops during World War II. She and her husband had been put in concentration camps and later her husband had been shot. She had never thought she, herself, would ever receive the help that she had so generously given others.

One prominent businessman asked the Branch President if he could get him a New Testament in French. He had never read it before but he now had the desire to do so. When these lovely families left us, we fell on each other and wept. The tears of gratitude were mixed with tears of sorrow for the sufferings they had endured. What a bond was formed between us in the short weeks we knew each other. Can we ever be too thankful for the gospel and the things our Father in Heaven blesses us with? A beautiful monument is being erected in Kitwe by the Belgian refugees to the Rhodesian people for the help that was given so freely. The good Samaritan had a great reward; and what a privilege it was to be in the Master's service, if only for such a little while.

Sister Jean Charlesley;
Luanshy Branch, N.R.

LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR

"WHO is my neighbour?" These words were spoken by a certain lawyer who tempted Jesus Christ on one occasion. The Saviour answered by relating the parable of "The Good Samaritan". This parable has been adopted as the classic portrayal of doing good unto others.

In this parable, the Saviour gave mankind one of the greatest examples to abide by ever known. If men everywhere were to heed this example, the mounting strife in the world today would cease to exist and peace would prevail. It is strange to think that the leaders of nations hold numerous conferences and spent days on end in an effort to find an answer to the establishment of world-wide peace. Yet, the simplest of all formulas for peace is already available. This simple formula set forth by the only perfect man that ever lived has proven infallible if men will only apply it.

The principle of loving our neighbours and doing good unto them is the solution to most problem today. Love is an essential need of every human being. It is love that motivates a man to succeed in any phase of life. Someone once said, "Love makes the world go around." Perhaps the author of this statement was referring to romantic love, but it is still applicable to the brotherly love we should have for one another.

If one has ever entered a home where love between father and mother is lacking, one instantly feels the contention and disharmony in the home. On the other hand, if one enters a home where there is peace and love, the home will radiate warmth from the very threshold.

In this busy age in which we live, we miss countless opportunities to show our love by being of service to another. Too many of us are too occupied in self-pity and in our own idle pleasures to consider the needs of our neighbour. There are people every day who need encouragement, who need our friendship and who need help in solving problems.

We cannot profess to be good Christians if we do not follow the very basic teachings of Christ. His entire gospel is founded on love—love for our Heavenly Father, love for the Son and love for one another.

If we manifest this love by service to one another, we lose ourselves to a degree. This is not to say we lose our identity as an individual, but we gain greater satisfaction and joy in life by doing good unto others. In our church we have a song that goes, "Have I done any good in the world today? Have I helped anyone in need?" This is a lovely hymn which has a real message for us.

We do not always know the effect and act of kindness has upon another individual. The story is told of a little old scotch lady who always placed her lamp in the window. When she was asked just why she did this she replied, "And why not? Placing it there dinna rob me of any light, and its gleam may be a boon to someone passing by."

Let's follow the example given to us by our Saviour in the parable of Good Samaritan and thus loose ourselves by being of service to our fellow men.

THE COMING TEMPLE EXCURSION—

THROUGH His Prophets the Lord sent forth a cry across the earth in the early days of the Church to gather the dispersed of Israel. And gather they did from all parts of the earth; from Europe and Africa; from Asia and the islands of the sea they came. Though oft times poverty stricken and destitue, still they came—by boat and ship, by wagon and horse, and even on foot; to answer the call: "Come to Zion!" No funds were sent; no wagons or teams were provided; everything was done by faith and hard work. By the thousands they streamed across the plains to the valleys of the mountains.

Can you imagine what those Saints of yester year must have thought when standing on the shores of America, they beheld the vast wilderness that seperated them from their destination? They who had left comfortable homes and families to trek half way around the world to join a new religion in a new country?

Ah! The faith of our forefathers; the vision that they saw of building up the Kingdom of God here on earth for us! Yet, sometimes I wonder if we can see what our progenitors gave us in the way of a birthright? They built many of our temples and buildings and helped to spread the gospel to the nations of the earth so that we might receive the gospel in our day. What do we do with the birthright we have received? Are you planning to go to the Temple of the Lord? Are you directing every effort to that goal; and blessing?

Often excuses are given, and reasons presented of why people can't go to the temple. But it all boils down to the fact, when you want to do something bad enough you find a way to do it. I am sure that the early pioneers could think of a lot more reasons for not going to Zion than anyone today could think of for not going to the temple. Yet they answered the call without making excuses and rationalizing.

There is an example that relates our modern day problems of going to the temple a little closer to us. It concerns the Maori people of New Zealand and the great faith that they have. Apostle Cowley, when he presided over the New Zealand Mission, witnessed many wonderful examples of the people's faith. This is such an incident:

A group of Maori members got together and organized a temple excursion to the Hawaiinan Temple; they scimped and saved until they had the required amount of money to buy round trip tickets, then they got ready and prepared to leave. Apostle Cowley went down to the docks to see them off and was shocked to learn that the people had no money. They had brought food and blankets to use on the trip and had nothing else. Yet they thought nothing of it! The mere fact they were able to go to the temple was enough for them.

They all went by steerage and returned rejoicing that they had been able to go to the Temple of God and receive the blessings from it.

Where else could you find a greater testimony of temple work? The Lord doesn't expect the Saints down here in South Africa to go to the temple in England by steerage, give up their homes or loved ones, but he does expect us to make every effort to prepare for the trip. Every worthy member in South Africa should be preparing for the forth coming excursion to the Lord's House. Send in your name to the Temple Fund Committee so they can advise you about what to do and help raise the necessary money. The ship will be chartered so the fares will be the lowest possible and the trip will be less than one month in duration.

Have the determination in your heart that you are going to go, and

nothing can stop you. The Lord will remove every obstical, one by one if you are sincere and strive with all your heart to accomplish your goal. Nephi made a wonderful statement in the Book of Mormon when he told his unbelieving brothers of his intention to do the will of God:

> " . . . (*We*) *will go and do the things which the Lord hath commanded, for I know that the Lord giveth no commandments unto the children of men, save he shall prepare a way for them that they may accomplish the thing which he commandeth them.*"
>
> (1 Nephi 3:7)

Shall we not have the same unflinching desire as Nephi of old and even our own pioneer fathers? Do the will of God first and let all other things be added unto you *GO TO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD! BE A PARTAKER OF THE HEAVENLY GIFT!*

FTT.

OUR TESTIMONY

THE wonderful joy and happiness that we now enjoy in our home in serving Our Heavenly Father, is beyond explanation. Since being baptised our lives have been full of peace and understanding. The days are brighter and far too short for all we would love to do. Both my husband and I cannot thank Our Heavenly Father enough for sending this wonderful message of the restored gospel into our lives.

We thank the Elders from the bottom of our hearts for the patience they had in teaching us the gospel. And in coming to our home night after night with such diligence. The gospel is true and we could never deny it.

Brother and Sister C. McTavish
Chingola, Northern Rhodesia.

"WE'RE MORMONS!"

Cynthia and Desmond Ibralo

ON the 11th of September, we were baptised into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and because "Mormons". What a wonderful privilege! For we are not only members of the Church of Jesus Christ, but we have also entered the Kingdom of God here on the earth.

We have never felt the hand of friendship as much in any group, as we did when we came to the Services and mingled with the Saints. You know that here is where you can "belong", and enjoy the gospel with your new found friends. Everyone makes you feel like a long lost brother, who has just come into a big happy family.

In our hearts we cannot express the joy that we have in knowing Elders Peterson and Hull. We can't thank them enough for all that they have done for us, they were so willing to come and teach us the gospel, and they inspired us to learn more about the church. The missionaries here in South Africa are doing a wonderful job in bringing the message of the restoration to the people of this land. We pray that the missionaries will receive the strength and courage to fulfil their tasks and bring joy to the hearts of others, by teaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

AMUSEMENTS

"We may make evil of all amusements, but the Saints should not be unwise, but rather understand what the will of the Lord is, and practice moderation in all things. They should avoid excesses and cease from sin, putting far from 'the lusts of men,' and in their amusements and pastimes adopt a course that looks to the spirit as well as the letter, the intention and not the act alone, the whole and not the part, which is the meaning of moderation. In this way their conduct will be reasonable and becoming, and they shall find no trouble in understanding the will of the Lord."

President Joseph F. Smith

"FEED MY SHEEP..."

IN the "C.S.M. for August 1960 we read that President David O. McKay has been called the "Father of the Modern Sunday School." He has been likened to the "Master Teacher" and this is very apt since he is a Prophet of the Lord. But what of ourselves? Have we been similarly called to teach the Masters sheep?

The answer can be found in the Saviours teachings; for all during His life here he counciled his desciples in this way:

> *" . . . Simon, son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him; Yea Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my Lambs . . . He saith unto him a third time . . . feed my sheep."*
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> (John 21:15-17)

Think for a moment what significance the Master put on teaching when he repeated three times for Peter's benefit, the admonition to teach the people. How well Peter followed the Saviours instructions can be seen from the zealious way he plunged into the work of his ministry.

So it is today with our lives, when we pledge to the Master we will; "Feed His Sheep" through Sunday School teaching. The teacher in the Sunday School has a sacred, yet rewarding job. But with it comes the responsibility of having one of the most difficult jobs in the Church.

Some of the qualities that should be found in a teacher are listed below, if they are followed they will make anyone who has the desire; a successful and respected teacher. See how you measure up to the standards listed below.

For anyone to teach the Gospel, he must first live it. A good example is better than all the lectures in the world. If you live the gospel your testimony will glow, and others can feel the strength of it. They will trust you and your message. Your pupils will desire to learn, rather than just coming to mark time.

ATTITUDE

A warm wholesome attitude and pleasing personality are one of a teachers greatest assets. Combined with a knowledge of the gospel, these things give a teacher the tools he needs to touch the hearts and understanding of his listeners.

CONFIDENCE

The teacher that has TECHNICAL COMPITENCE when he teaches, can impart into the hearts of his students that same confidence. This is the programme of stimulated teaching. It has two major parts:

1. A knowledge of behaviour and learning.
2. The mastery of specific things to do in teaching.

Knowledge of behaviour and learning enables the teacher to make his subject contribute to the lives of his pupils. This becomes possible when the teacher knows what learning is and how it helps his pupils. How the gospel subjects and ideas are real principles that they must conform their lives to. The teacher should know how to make the students of his class feel welcome and accepted, and make the class a source of satisfaction for those who attend it.

This kind of knowledge serves the teacher just as a knowledge of the body serves the doctor in his profession. Since the doctor knows how each organ functions, he can easily decide how too diagnose any ailment.

Similarly the teacher who knows the principles of learning and behaviour can change his methods of teaching and his use of teaching materials at any time to bring about the desired results from his students.

TEACHING MASTERY

The mastery of specific things to do in teaching enables a teacher to conduct his class in a interesting and exciting way, and to encourage learning.

The Church has a definite programme for training and preparing its teachers. And the Sunday School handles this great responsi-

bility through the Teacher Training, programme.

The course itself is quite definite in its aim to produce the best possible results in the time available. It has been designed in such a way as to awaken the teachers who attend it, to a new world of teaching possibilities and techniques.

"Teaching the Gospel' 'is course number 23, and it is for pre-service training The Sunday School General Board advise us to train every year new teachers that can be drawn on in later months, by the different organizations of the Church. If there is a pool of such teachers, there is no reason why more of the branches can't establish and maintain all of the different functions of each auxillary. For instance there would be teachers for the M.I.A., there would be trained teachers for the Primary, the Relief Society etc. etc. The success or failure of each branch, in this programme rests on the Sunday School's programme. If it is not carried out then it will be of no value to anyone. But when it is supported and everyone has a hand in it then, you will see the admonition of the Saviour being carried out to the fullest. Are YOU FEEDING THE MASTERS SHEEP?

Sign up for the Teachers Training class and take part in the Church programme as a trained and useful member. Take advantage of the opportunity we have to grow and progress here in this life. Be a teacher of Righteousness, and give of your time for the betterment of others, and reap the reward of the worthy labourer.

Brother Johannes Swart.
Mowbray Branch.

MISSIONARY SERVICE

"OVER fifty years ago father and I bade my mother and younger brothers and sisters a fond farewell!

We were embarking on a strange new venture, a new religion in a new land. In the years that have ensued, a little boy's testimony has grown stronger and stronger. Today, as a man over threescore years, I can say without reservation I know that God lives, that He has restored his Gospel in these last days.

God bless the missionaries who brought the word to our family and the thousands of missionaries whose message has found root in the hearts of so many wonderful people. May our Father in Heaven grant (the members in Briton) you growth and spiritual strength to continue spreading this glorious message which will bring peace in the hearts of men and to the world!"

Elder John Longden

Faith Does Move Mountains; Everyday

Arthur Mac Murrough Kavanagh was the most indomitable Irishman who ever lived. **He was born without arms or legs, a real mountain of handicap.** Yet with perseverance and an unwavering faith in himself, he became an ardent horseman and hunter, and expert marksman, and angler and yachtsman, a penman and a talented painter. He could use a whip with great skill and he served in the British Parliament for 14 years. (1866-1880). He married a lovely woman and became the father of 7 well formed children.

He actually moved a mountain and became successful in almost every field he attempted, yet he was so burdened by handicaps, lesser men would have given up in despair. There is a lesson to be learned from his spirit. No matter what the odds, keep trying until you can overcome any obstical that is put in your path.

THE PRIMARY CORNER

Daisy Kunitz

"I am the good shepherd and know my sheep and am known of mine."

(John 10:14)

THOSE are such beautiful words and so true; full of a wonderful promise that our Lord Jesus Christ made when he was upon the earth. He knows and loves everyone of us today. We must get to know and love Him without doubts or reservations, no matter what the cost, the temptations, or sorrows. When trials come upon us—let us keep an eye single to God our Eternal Father's great plan and purpose, that we might endure to the end.

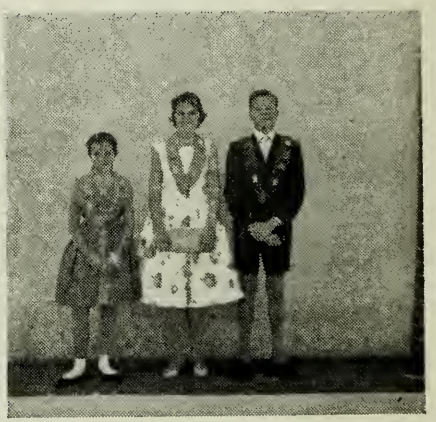
For he spoke to Moses saying: "This is my work and my glory, to bring to pass the immortality and the eternal life of man." (P.G.P. Moses 1:34.) Since as this verse indicates everyone will receive eternal life, the goal we should be working for is the greater reward that our Father has promised us.

This reward comes from being His under Shepherds and in this way teaching the little children who Our Father in Heaven has entrusted to our care. We should be teaching the children of Primary age the glorious truths of the gospel and helping them to gain a knowledge of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on their behalf.

There is a wonderful program in the Primary to help the parents accomplish this task. I think that if the parents could just visit Primary and see the work and development that the children accomplish, as a result of Primary. They would certainly agree that it is inspired, it is there to help their children to love the gospel. Primary is an important phase in a childs life, and can't be passed over lightly.

Since the Primary caters for boys and girls from the age of three to twelve, when the whole being of child is at a stage of vital receptiveness. It is a grave thing to let these formitive years slip by without proper training.

Just a short time ago here in Pretoria we had a graduation of the first three children ever to fully complete the requirements for Primary and graduate. We are thrilled with our little ones who have reached this honour and are very proud to have been able to help in this programme. We are going to have many more in the next few months and years, but we are especially proud of these our first. They are starting now to take their places as under shepherds of the Good Sheperd, Jesus the Christ.



The first Primary Children from Pretoria to graduate. September, 1960.

Left to right. Beryl van Staden, Vivienne van Staden, Theo Richards.

The Relief Society Page

Dear Relief Society Sisters,

AS you know the year of 1960 has intrduced a "New Era" into missionary work. I feel that it would be fitting if we all participate in this "New Era" by resolving that all these new members who are baptised will be integrated into the Relief Society programme. This is where the women learn to build their testimonies. So let us, each and every one, extend a hand of fellowship. We have a great responsibility in teaching these new sisters about the Gospel and how they can be a part of it and use it in their everyday living.

COMPARATIVE REPORT
August, 1960

Branch	Number Enrolled	Average Attendance	Percentage Attendance	No. of Magazines	Percentage Subscriptions to Magazines
BELLVILLE	10	4	40	6	60%
BLOEMFONTEIN	8	6	75	7	87½%
BULAWAYO	23	9	39	6	26%
DURBAN	20	16	75	5	25%
EAST LONDON	7	6	86	6	86%
EAST RAND	13	8	62	13	100%
GWELO *					
KRUGERSDORP *					
LUANSHYA *					
MOWBRAY	39	22	56	38	97%
PIETERMARITZBURG	7	4	57	1	14%
PORT ELIZABETH	32	9	28	11	34%
PRETORIA	20	4	20	11	55%
PRIMROSE	13	7	54	9	69%
RAMAH	19	11	58	32	169%
SALISBURY	10	7	70	6	60%
SPRINGS	13	9	70	17	131%
WELKOM *					

* Report not received in time for publication.

WHERE YOUR HEART IS . . . THERE SHALL YOUR TREASURE BE

'In the year 1939 down in New Zealand, we had a very destructive flood. In that flood there were 22 white men drowned. They were working on a railway line that was being constructed.

There were a large number of young native men working on the same line. And not one lost his life. At the inquest that was held, one of our young natives was asked if he could give a reason why no natives had lost their lives and only white men had suffered. He said, "Yes. The white men ran for their money; we ran for our lives."

ELDER MATTHEW COWLEY

MISSION STATISTICS

BULAWAYO BRANCH BAPTISMS

WOOLF, Shirley Rita
HERTOG, Simon
OWEN, Rachelle P. D.
OWEN, Gary Paul
WOOLF, Charlote Hazel

BLOEMFONTEIN BRANCH BAPTISMS

DE WET, Jacob Salomon
DE WET, Martha Johanna

SPRINGS BRANCH BAPTISMS

VAN HEERDEN, Alletta Shophia
VAN HEERDEN, Phillipus J.
VAN HEERDEN, Petrus M.
JUBBER, Vivian Noel
JUBBER, Eva Jacomina
WENTZEL, Neil Muir
DALLDORF, Muriel Dorothy
JUBBER, Brumwell Tucker
JUBBER, Irene
BOTHA, Wilhelmiena J.
JUBBER, Diana Elizabeth

RAMAH BRANCH BAPTISMS

DE WET, Jacobus E.
DE WET, Gert J. B.
DE WET, Anna Maria
DE WET, Jacobus J.
DE WET, Hester M.
DE WET, Anna Maria
DE WET, Jacobus Eugenatuis
HUGO, Johann Carl
HUGO, Eugene Victor
HUGO, Maria T. B.
HUGO, Willem M.
PIETERSE, Christia G.
SLADE, Sophie Elise

EAST RAND BRANCH BAPTICMS

HEYDENRYCH, Sandra
MINNIE, Fredrick Simon
HEYDENRYCH, Hendrik John Jr.
LEESON, Norman Desmond
NOBLE, Richard George
OLIVIER, Christina Magdalena
OLIVIER, Johannes Gerthardus
OLIVIER, Johanna

KRUGERSDORP BRANCH BAPTISMS

OOSTHUIZEN, Robert Stephen
SWANEPOEL, Jan Andreas
GROBBELAAR, Shirley Harwood

EAST LONDON BRANCH BAPTISMS

KRULL, Darold Veryle
HUMAN, Janet V. K.

BELLVILLE BRANCH BAPTISMS

MEINTJES, Jacobus Johannes

DURBAN BRANCH BAPTISMS

DU PREEZ, Ronald Berry
PEEK, Richard Owen
PEEK, Mabel Kathleen

MOWBRAY BRANCH BAPTISMS

HARFORD, Dudley Melvin
ABRAHAM, Carl Frederic
MOOLMAN, John Albert
BARRIS, Arthur
KIRSTEN, Doreen Hilda ... ...
HARRISON, Frances P.
VAN DYK, Petrus J.
VAN DYK, Patricia A.
NAPIER, Marilyn Enid
EDWARDS, Susanna M.
ROBERTSON, Joan I.
ROBERSTON, Gwendoline

OUT OF BRANCH BAPTISM BAPTISMS

DUPLESSIS, Vivien Meryl
DU PLESSIS, Colin Andre
DU PLESSIS, Gavin William
DU PLESSIS, Gloria Joey Francis

SPRINGS BRANCH ORDINATIONS

BOTHA, Adraham I., Ordained a Deacon
BOTHA, Paulus S., Ordained a Deacon
BOTHA, Christoffel L. R., Ordained a Deacon.
ARMSTRONG, Wynne Henry, Ordained an Elder
JUBBER, Erold, Ordained an Elder
PHILLIPS, Raymond E. S., Ordained a Priest

KRUGERSDORP BRANCH ORDINATIONS

VAN BRANDWIJK, Johannes, Ordained a Teacher
STRYDOM, Charles Powrie, Ordained a Priest

RAMAH BRANCH ORDINATIONS

DONLY, Alma Wadeson, Ordained a Priest

OUT OF BRANCH ORDINATION

OUT OF BRANCH ORDINATIONS

FUTTER, Temple Cowdrey, Ordained a Priest

BELLVILLE BRANCH BLESSINGS

MEINTJES, Francis Alexander

KRUGERSDORP BRANCH BIRTHS

LIEBENBERG, Letitia Mariana

DURBAN BRANCH BLESSINGS

DU PREEZ, Angela Blanche

RAMAH BRANCH BLESSINGS

LOUW, Débra Helene

NINOW, Norman George

SPRINGS BRANCH BLESSINGS

WENTZEL, Blyne Neil

BIBB, Stephen Edwin

OUT OF BRANCH BLESSINGS

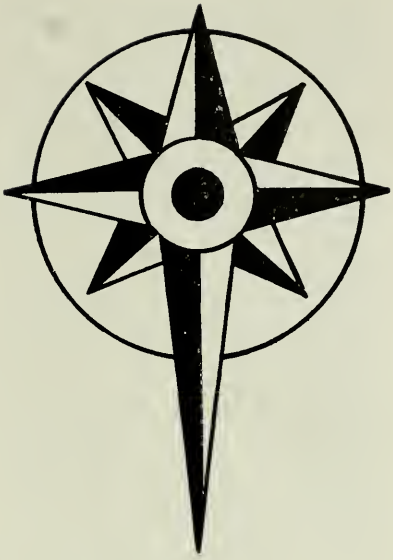
GROENEWALD, Gertruida Johanna

PRETORIA BRANCH DEATHS

TERBLANCHE, Judith Maria Johanna Alleta

RAMAH BRANCH DEATHS

EVANS, Albert Edward



OUR BRANCHES REPORT

BULAWAYO BRANCH REPORT

by Sister Iris Fourie

Sunday the 4th September was a great day for us here in Bulawayo, because we had our first opportunity to meet President Alldredge, when he came through on his mission wide tour. The next news that thrilled us so much was the fact that we are soon to have a chapel! We are all elated and everyone has set to work trying to formulate plans to raise funds for this great cause. The Relief Society has started by having a cake sale, so things are really popping!

We are very happy to welcome into the branch, many new members and know the Lord will bless them abundantly. They are Brother and Sister Owen and their son Garry. Brother Simon Hertog and Sister Charlotte and Shirley Woolf. The branch is growing and we are going to continue to grow, the "New Era" has taken a hold here, and we are on our way!

LAUNSHYA BRANCH REPORT

by Sister H. L. Nickisson

It was with deep regret that we said goodbye to Sister Jeanne Charsley and children who left for the Union this month. We shall miss Sister Jeanne who was a tireless worker in the branch and was the most willing member of the branch. The Port Elizabeth Branch has gained a sound member and one who can be trusted to give her best. Our meetings are now at the home of Brother C. W. Fourie. His address is 110, "F" Avenue, Luanshya, North Rhodesia. Our Branch President is now at this address: President Dougals E. Charley; 113 "Z" Avenue.

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DURBAN BRANCH REPORT

by Joyce Wahlburn

We had another lovely baptismal service on the 4th of September, when Brother and Sister Dingley, Brother South and Sister Smit were confirmed members of the Church.

We welcome these lovely people into our branch, and rejoice with them in their membership.

The Genealogical Society presented a most inspiring programme, on the importance of this great work, it can never be too strongly stressed. We had our first temple excursion meeting this month and enthusiasm for this coming event is running high.

President Alldredge' visited us last month and spoke for the first time, even though it was on an unoffical visit. We deeply appreciated the wonderful council that he gave us.

President Jakins, our President, has suffered another heart attack, and has been in the sanatorium here. Sister Muriel Willson has undergone a very serious operation as well. We earnestly hope that they will be well soon.

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PRETORIA BRANCH REPORT

by Sister M. Lion-Cachet

Our building fund committee held a beetle drive on the 10th September; refreshments were served and cool drinks sold. The proceeds helped boost the building funds and we look forward to time that we have our own chapel. Everyone enjoyed themselves and at the same time helped the good work move along. **We wish to welcome into our branch all the new members who were just baptised into the Church. It is lovely to see all the new members that have joined in recent weeks, become active in the Church.** We had a lovely service under the direction of the Primary, this month. It was a lovely experience and everyone who was there thrilled at the spirit of the meeting. It is so wonderful to see the young children take part in the Church. The work here in Pretoria is going forward and we rejoice in the fact that the Lord is pouring out His Blessings on the people here, so that they are joining the Kingdom of God here on the earth.

EAST LONDON BRANCH REPORT

by Sister R. H. Corrigan

Following President Alldredges visit with the Branch Presidency in August, we have had a surge of renewed effort among the members to raise the necessary funds for our chapel. The Relief Society has got the ball rolling with a cake and Jumble sale. President Corrigan has called a general meeting of members and a committee, formed from all the Auxiliaries of the branch has been elected. The committee members have been exhorted to "put their shoulders to the wheel" and increase the building fund. We have great expectations, especially from our very young members who are gathering odds and ends for the jumble sale.

The East London Saints rejoiced mightily on Sunday, the 4th of September. Because on that day Mrs. Booysen entered the waters of baptism and confirmed a member of the Church. This good Sister has been a regular member of the Relief Society for many years and has attended the services in the company of her daugthers. We know that the Lord will bless her abundantly for the efforts she has expended in the Church. And we welcome her as a member of the Church.

The Primary children presented a programme on Sunday evening the 4th September and it gave the members some idea of how the Lords work is being done in the Primary. Elder Newton then added his testimony to the fact that the Primary had helped him accept the gospel in its fullness.

It is with heavy hearts that we said goodbye to Elder Sidney Newton, he has endeared himself to young and old alike. We wish him well in his new field of labours. We welcome Elder Child and know that he will love his new area as we do.

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MOWBRAY BRANCH REPORT

by Sister B. E. Smith

The Temple fund is growing by leaps and bounds. It has aroused

the interest of the members and everyone is busily employed in gathering jumble and other items for sale. There are several new projects underway to swell the funds, and get the money coming in. The last of the winter holidays was observed at "Cumorah", with a Games Day. This was put on by the Relief Society. There were games and fun for all and the day finished with a tired but very happy group of "Mormons".

Elder Keith Hubert has returned to the branch and he gave his home coming talk, the same evening as Brother Sant, from Los Angeles. We certainly enjoyed both of them and we are very happy to be priviledged by such a lovely service.

The M.I.A. just finished their their presentation of the music festival, entitled "This is My World". It consisted of songs from many lands and a tableau depicting the story of the songs.

We have had many baptisms lately and we are richer, by many new members. We all want to wish them happiness and joy in being members of our branch. We wish all the members of the Church in South Africa the Lord's blessings in the "NEW ERA"!

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KRUGERSDORP BRANCH REPORT

by Sister Elaine Straydom

We had an enjoyable games evening for the building fund and most of the branch attended. It was highlighted by a grand spread of food by the sisters in the building fund group.

The first of 3 Relief Society cake sales was held this month and we raised the amount of £5. 10. 0. Next time however we are going to need lots more cakes to meet the public demand.

We are all happy that Carletonville has a Sunday School going and we pray that the Lord will bless them and their new branch. This is a wonderful "New Era" that the mission is going through, and we are looking forward to even greater things. Everyone here in Krugersdorp is looking forward to the M.I.A. Music Festival and District Conference, for the fellowship and inspiring spirit which we always enjoy to the fullest.

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PORT ELIZABETH BRANCH REPORT

by Sister Madge McHugh

We welcome Brother and Sister Steedman and Sister Charsley, with her family into our branch. We had a baptismal service and saw three young men come into the Church. Also Aubery Griffith was baptised by his father.

A bioscope evening was held and the Relief Society was in charge. The proceeds were given to the building fund. We are now saving for folding doors. We will have enough money in a short time we hope.

We didn't have much chance to say goodbye to Elder Rampton who left for home, but we wish him Godspeed in his journey. We wish to welcome Elder Smith in his place and know that he will enjoy his labours.

The special evening programme was taken over by the Genealogical Society. President Milne and Sister Milne, along with Jeanette Milne gave excellent talks so it made for a real family service.

We regret to report the death of Brother Alfred Folley. His death was caused by a road smash in his car. To Sister Folley and her family we extend our deepest sympathy. The funeral service was conducted by President C. Doller. A talk was given by Elder Peterson. The chapel was packed with members and fellow workers of Brother Folley He was laid to rest in the new Forest Hill Cemetery. His passing will be felt by the members of this branch and we mourn his passing.

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SALISBURY BRANCH REPORTS

by Jean Shonnberg

The Highlight of the month here in Salisbury was the meeting of all missionaries within the Federation, for an all day Conference, on the 31st of August. Presidents

Alldredge and West presided at this conference and directed the days activities.

The Relief Society prepared a large luncheon for the conference in the afternoon, and the M.I.A. sponsored a social for the Elders that evening. It was a real pleasure and priviledge to meet with President Alldredge and the missionaries. At this the first such conference in the history of the branch.

We are losing one of our finest members here, as the Clark family are leaving for, Northern Rhodesia. May the Lord's blessing go with them. The branch also had a lovely cake sale on the 3rd of September. £12. 0. 0. was realized for the building fund. We had a short visit from Sister Vice and hope that she can come and see us again very soon. We have re-organised the M.I.A. and we want to give the past officers a vote of thanks. May the "New Era" continue to grow, we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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RAMAH BRANCH REPORT

by Miriam Nicholls

The high light of this months events was the wedding of Brother Neil Wagstaff and Sister Margaret Dewsnup. This took place on the 28th August and it was a radiant occasion. The bride on the arm of her husband danced around the hall, for the first waltz. Then about 5:00 p.m. the couple left for a honeymoon on the south coast. We at Ramah wish them a glorious and happy future together and know that the Lord will bless them richly in their life together.

Sister Isabelle McCullum has returned to Ramah after serving on a mission for a year. She spoke at Sacrament Service and gave a lovely talk. She will rejoin her parents this month in Canada. Sister McCallum's parents left for Canada just after she left on her mission. She has fulfilled an honourable mission and her parents can be proud of her. We all wish her a happy life in Canada, and pray for the Lords blessings on her in this new land.

The Aaronic Priesthood is holding a fireside this month, to raise funds for assisting a missionary in the field. This is a noble cause and we hope that it will be well supported. The Priesthood here at Ramah has taken a hand in several activities and we know that they are going to be blessed in these undertakings.

We had to say goodbye to Elders Baker and Holtom this month as they left for home. They were certainly familar to the members here at Ramah, and we will miss them very much. But we know that the Lord will bless them in all that they do in the future, for the service they have rendered Him here in South Africa.

Our Relief Society work meeting was very helpful this month as we had a demonstration on shell work. This makes a lovely hobby and it is just right for those Sisters who have grown children and want something to do with their time.

We had a fireside this month and it was very well attended. We had music and two records by Mark E. Peterson and Marion D. Hanks. The thoughts expressed by these men, in regards Ideals were inspiring and faith promoting. We send our greetings to all the branches of the mission.

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SPRINGS BRANCH REPORT

by N. C. van Niekerk

During August ten new converts came into the Church and we have several more who will be joining this month. It is thrilling to know that the Church is growing so fast during this "New Era", Zion is on the March and we are all a part of this great Church and Kingdom. We learn too that the referral system is working so well, that the local brethern are being called on to help the missionaries. We also want to welcome into the branch Elder Nelson, and we know he will enjoy his labours here.

As our youth are growing in numbers so rapidly, the need for far more classrooms is certainly acute. The Primary is busy trying

to help raise the money to solve the problem.

This has been a month of socials and preperation for them, the Relief Society Social held a short time ago was a huge success. At the moment the M.I.A. is preparing for the annual Gold and Green Ball, and the music festival; so things are moving right along.

I have received word from the Stemmits in Witbank that their home Sunday School is doing nicely, we are thrilled to know that they are so faithful. The East Rand Branch also had a supprise for us, when they turned up at our Sacrament Service. Almost the entire membership was there and we were most happy to see them.

The Rodeo Round Up held by the M.I.A. was a very unusual and thrilling activity. Everyone that took part had nothing but praise for it and we look forward to another one in the near future. Our little primary children were not to be out done this month either, and they took over the Sacramment Service this month and did a super job. Welcome President Alldredge and your family from all of the members here in Springs!

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PIETERMARITZBURG BRANCH REPORT

by Joan A. Ball

This has been a most eventful month for us here. To begin with we had a supprise visit from President Alldredge and President West on their tour of the mission. We were honoured to have them speak to us as well, and we hope to have another visit from them in the near future. The same evening we all travelled down to Durban for their service, and heard another address given by President Alldredge. We are thrilled to have such a wonderful Mission President.

We had another baptismal service on the 4th of September at Durban, it is inspiring to witness the baptism of new members of Piercy and Brother Ralph Jee, came into the Kingdom of God at the Church. Brother and Sister this time and we want to welcome them. It is wonderful to see the branch growing the way it is, and we know that this will only be the beginning.

We had several of our brethern advanced in the Priesthood this month. They are as follows: Brother Bea Hommes, Brother Derrick Holmes and Brother Clifford Bale. These fine brothers have been ordained to the office of Deacons. And Brother William Dutton was ordained an Elder. Congratulations go to these fine men, for their faithfulness in obtaining these offices of the Priesthood.

Since we are going to have a chapel very soon we are all busy making plans to raise the funds necessary. I can see us all working very hard in the next few months —but the reward of a new chapel will be worth it, and we can all enjoy doing our part.

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The missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints go out into the world—not to criticize others, not to find fault, but to say to our Father's other children:

"Keep all the good that you have received, keep all the truth that you have learned, all that has come to you in your homes, in your institutions of learning, under your many facilities for education, keep it all; and then let us divided with you additional truths that have been revealed by our Heavenly Father in our day."

President Heber J. Grant

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES

Lorraine Bibb

I have begun a journey—one of exploration and discovery. The opportunity of undertaking this journey has always been present, ever since I could read. Oh, I made several little trips, but none of long duration, usually I just read to fill an assignment. But never anything of real excitement to me.

Then about two years ago, I started this journey in earnest. Because at this time I had been asked to teach the theology class in Relief Society. So my exploration began—into the pages of the Doctrine and Covenants.

As my travels continued, I made many wonderful discoverys! Going from truth to truth and thought to thought, I gleaned the wealth of information this record contains. It was lovely information; about early church history, of the great leaders, the stories of the faithful and steadfast who couldn't desert the things they knew to be true.

My journey has taken me into the past and the future; but most important of all it teaches me the pattern of my life while I'm here, now. It is after all "Our Book" given to us in these the Latter-days, by a Latter-day Saint prophet. A tangible proof that God speaks to His children, a testimony of the truthfulness and the reality of revelation.

I am enjoying my journey, especially my encounters with the men and women who helped to build the infant church. The brothers Pratt, and their diligent missionary service. The trials that they endured to preach the gospel of the resurrected Lord. The story of Samuel Smith, the sweet young man who went to preach with such love the Lord never once rebuked him. The brother of the Prophet. Then there were the others who held high positions in the Church and who lost them through disobedience and sin.

Such a lovely journey awaits the readers of this record, and sweet the joy that comes from knowing the commandments of the living God. When are you going to start your journey in the scriptures?

HAVE YOU A TALENT FOR WRITING?

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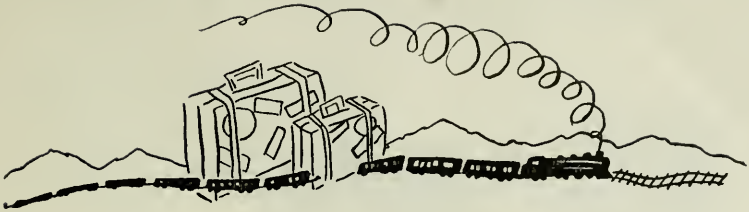

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Clifford Bywater	Cape Town	Germiston
James Brent Clawson	Welkom	Pretoria
Sherid Peterson	Port Elizabeth	Johannesburg
Theral Smith	Kimberley	Durban
Gerald Wiffen	Pretoria	Johannesburg.

NEW ARRIVALS

Kraig M. Beckstrand from San Jose, California, Assigned to labour in Welkom, O.F.S.

Blaine Lawrence Martin from Glendale, California. Assigned to labour in Port Elizabeth.

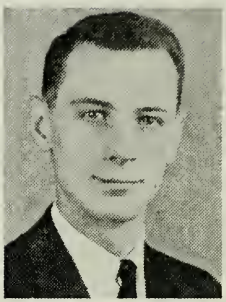
Burton Verne McCullough from Salt Lake City, Utah. Assigned to labour in Kimberley, C.P.

WHEN Christian missionaries first went to the South Sea Islands, they met with quite a lot of success. In New Zealand one missionary had been teaching a large group of people in a small village and was almost ready to baptise them, when the Chief sent word that he wouldn't permit it.

The missionary felt very discouraged about this so he decided to try and convert the Chief himself then go ahead and baptise all the people. After months of diligent effort the old Chief was favourably impressed with the new teachings and wanted to join. The missionary went to the Chiefs house the next morning and prepared to baptise him. But, the Chief asked him first to baptise all his ancestors who were buried in a near by cave. "That can't be done!" The mission told him. "They have had their chance. They will have to burn in hell, but we can save you."

Drawing himself up to his full height the Chief said this: "If my ancestors cannot be saved, then I would rather be in hell with them, than in heaven with your miserable band of Christians." Turning on his heel he disappeared into the forest.

Too bad that old Chief didn't meet some "Mormon" missionaries who could have told him the way our Father in Heaven has provided for the living and the dead to be saved, that justice might prevail, and mercy receive her due.



President Cox

A NEW 2nd COUNSELOR

THIS month sees a new 2nd Counselor enter the Mission Home. Elder Melvin Lee Cox assumed his duties that month after the approval of his appointment by the First Presidency of the Church.

Elder Cox is from Salt Lake City, Utah and has always been active in the Church. Before coming on his mission he served 2 years in the United States Navy. Elder Cox has had varied assignments in the Mission before asuming his present duty.

Early in the year he was the bass voice in the famed "Missionaires" that made a complete tour of the mission, singing in every major city in South Africa. The tour included such things as singing in theaters, restaurants, in churches and concerts. The "Missionaires" sang their way into the hearts of the people of South Africa.

Elder Cox next assumed his dutics as a supervising Elder of the West Rand. The largest group of Elders in the entire mission. He was serving in this capacity when he was called as 2nd Counselor. Elder Cox succeeds President West who left for home this month and was also one of the "Missionaires."

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LEFT FOR HOME!

WEST, Doyle Thomas: From Smithfield, Utah; Released Oct. 6, 1960. Laboured in East London, Kensington, Krugersdorp and Cape Town. Served as Second Counselor in the Mission Presidency.

DOYLE J. WEST

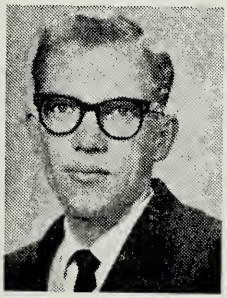
MELVILLE, Dale Nielson: From Salt Lake City, Utah; Released Oct. 6, 1960. Laboured in Johannesburg, Salisbury, Pietermaritzburg, Cape Town. Served as Supervising Elder of the Cape District.

DALE NIELSON MELLVILLE
Salt Lake City, Utah.

HALES, Charles Nathan: From Spanish Fork, Utah. Released Oct. 6, 1960. Laboured in Durban, Cape Town and Bulawayo. Served as Mission Secretary.

CHARLES NATHAN HALES
Spanish Fork, Utah.

ZOLLINGER, Donovan Jacob: From Logan, Utah. Released Oct. 6, 1960. Served in Springs, Witbank, Cape Town, Virginia, Kimberley, Johannesburg.



DONOVAN J. ZOLLINGER
Logan, Utah.

DALE, Fuller Shreeve: Released Oct. 15, 1960. Laboured in Johannesburg, East London, Kitwe, Bulawayo, Virginia and Durban.

DALE F. SHREEVE
Ogden, Utah

THE BRITISH TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT McKAY

THE lovely tribute that the missionaries of the British Mission made to President McKay this month is of special notice, because in only two months the missionaries went to work and baptised over 1,000 members into the Church. The pledge that was sent in the form of a card to the President was very beautiful and we have reproduced in part below for the enjoyment of our readers, since it is a lovely text:

"A BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE TO OUR BELOVED PROPHET DAVID O. MCKAY"

"We, the missionaries of the British Mission (both missions) are well aware there is no material gift we can send to honour you on your birthday, September 8, 1960 when you will be 87 years old."

"As the Lord's annointed, chosen and called to preside over His Kingdom on the earth in the present dispensation, during a decade in which we have seen more people come into the Kingdom through the waters of baptism than in any period since the restoration, we know your concern is the souls of our Father's children."

"As a tribute to your missionary labours in the choice land in which we now labour, in the land from which your ancestors came, and the mission over which you once presided we, the present-day missionaries want to honour you, as we honour our Father in Heaven, with a dedication of service and faith."

Then followed the pledge that the missionaries made to obtain in July and August the needed 1,000 converts. How well they succeeded in their pledge is now a matter of record. For they not only obtained the 1,000 converts but they went over the mark and baptised 1,112.

What a lovely gesture on the part of the missionaries! For they were busy doing the work they had been called to do, and honouring a Prophet of God at the same time! The wonderful people who came into the Church because of this labour of love can be truly greatful to their Father in Heaven as well, for they are now members of the Church of Jesus Christ here upon the earth.

How the President must have thrilled to read the telegram telling him that the pledge was filled and that not only were there over 1,000 new members but the Lord had poured out His spirit on Great Britain and they were planning even more baptisms for the near future! This is truly the "NEW ERA!"

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